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KING BILL THE FIRST.

Now woe is (Smith) — his race is run,
Gone glimmering his vision.
His (Kingship) withers in the sun
Of our derision.
(After) Ambrose Bierce.

Mr. W. O. Smith has severed his connection with the Government, and his resignation as Attorney-General and President of the Board of Health has been accepted by President Dole, who claims to hold a power of attorney from President McKinley in regard to appointments and removals of officials in the employ of the Hawaiian Republic.

Mr. Smith has assisted very materially in making history for Hawaii since 1893. He has been the power behind the oligarchy and has treated Dole and his colleagues as puppets during his incumbency. In August he tendered his resignation but offered to stay in office as long as his services were needed, and he was a very good stayer. His tyrannical tendencies became too offensive for his colleagues at last. A "split" in the Cabinet took place which has resulted in the final withdrawal of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith as an official was a peculiar mixture of the virtues and faults which characterize the average politician. He was narrow-minded as a New Englander, domineering as a Russian Czar, yet suave as a Frenchman. He was obstinate as a Scotchman, generous as a Southerner, and at times vicious as an Indian. But he was withal the hardest working official we have ever heard of — next to the Devil.

Mr. Smith has been in public service in Hawaii for many years, and while he, as a private citizen, has commanded the highest respect and confidence of his countrymen, he has never succeeded in gaining a solid backing as a politician or public servant. Even those associated with him in revolutions, political scheming and even business enterprises got soon tired of his arbitrary manners and overbearing, though always courteous, demeanor.

In 1893 he was foremost in the secret councils, which, under the arrangement of Mr. J. L. Stevens, laid low the legitimate government of the Hawaiians and eventually committed the most infamous act recorded in recent history. Through the imbecility and personal friendship toward the conspirators, the officials of the day allowed Mr. Smith to conspire in his office with his co-rebels, instead of locking him up.

In 1895 he was not as considerate. At the insignificant outbreak of a handful of loyal Hawaiians he lost his head completely and arrested men and women, not connected with the force of a revolt, who had dared at some time to criticize him or even make fun of his conceit and thirst for power. The episode of '95 will not easily be forgotten, and the outrages committed then will be laid at the door of Mr. Smith as long as he lives.

As the head of the Police Department he was at all times a meddler and a nuisance. He would interfere

with any officer from the Marshal to the turnkey and claim to know everything better than everybody else. While preaching economy in the Legislatures under the monarchy and cutting down appropriations for police and army, ridiculing and censuring past expenditures, he made outrageous demands from the Legislatures under the Republic for money for the support of the police, and he fathered the extravagant measures now in vogue in that bureau, which were condemned by him when the "other fellow" held the portfolio of the Attorney-General.

As President of the Board of Health he was in his right place. His energy and untiring interest in sanitary matters were always felt and saved us from several epidemics, cleansed Honolulu, and made the Molokai Settlement the model place it is to-day.

But even as President of the Board he could brook no opposition nor tolerate any difference of opinion, and he was at all times *de facto* the whole Board himself.

Mr. Smith now retires to his private business after a remarkable career as a public servant, and, as a private individual, his good qualities will, we hope, predominate, and even his former political opponents will with readiness extend to him their hands of good fellowship.

THE INDEPENDENT will miss him as an always handy and good material for "roasting," and our own King Bill the First will miss the "roasting."

The Zealandia Again In Transport Service

The Government has again called into service the Oceanic Steamship Company's Zealandia for transport duty between San Francisco and Manila. It will be remembered that this vessel was used by the War Department last year and was released from that duty at the close of hostilities with Spain. However, the need of replacing the volunteer forces in the Philippines with the regular regiments and the transportation of horses, mules and large consignments of munitions of war to Manila have necessitated the re-employment of several steamships.

The Zealandia by reason of her size and roomy construction was found to be amply fitted for transport duty and was immediately chosen for the service. It was the intention of the Oceanic Company to put the steamer on the Honolulu run in place of the Australia, as the constant work of the latter vessel in her steady seven-day passage between this port and the islands has necessitated a lay-off for repairs. The Australia will necessarily continue on the island service till the return of the Zealandia, or until some other steamer relieves her.—S. F. Call.

Fined for Assaulting Kaula.

Henry Vida and J. Gibson were fined \$25 each in the Police Court this morning for having assaulted James K. Kaula, the well-known attorney by "pouring" him into the hold of the Australia on her last visit to this port. This is the case where Kaula went on board to collect a lawyers fee in an opium case which was not prosecuted. S. F. Chillingworth for the defendants. The fines were paid.

High Ball.

Besides the famous Jesse Moore whisky, the Anchor Saloon is now serving to customers the celebrated "High Ball," a white malt whisky marked Cyrus Noble and which with plain soda is considered a beverage for the most particular mortals. Try it.

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Col. Smith Is Governor of Negroes.

MANILA, March 3.—Major General Otis has issued an order establishing a Visayan military district, comprising Panay, Cebu, Negros and other islands hereafter to be occupied, under the supervision of Brigadier General Miller.

Colonel James F. Smith of the First California Infantry, commandant and Military Governor of the sub-district of Negros, has been ordered to organize and arm the native civil police of 200 men and put them under military discipline.

Who Is Next?

The Cabinet holds a meeting this afternoon to elect an Attorney-General in the place of Billy O'Smith resigned. The qualifications are (1) blind obedience to Cooper and Dole and (2) be an Irishman, like Billy O'Smith, it being St. Patrick's day tomorrow. Who will be the happy man?

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Steamers		
Monmouthshire	Yokohama	Mar. 15
Gaelic	San Francisco	Mar. 16
Miwera	Victoria	Mar. 17
Doric	Yokohama	Mar. 18
Upolu	Kohala	Mar. 18
Kinau	Hawaii and Maui	Mar. 18
Lahua	Molokai	Mar. 18
Claudine	Maui	Mar. 19
W. G. Hall	Kauai	Mar. 19
Kee Lung Maru	Yokohama	Mar. 20
Mauna Loa	Kona	Mar. 24

DEPART.

Steamers	For	Sails
Monmouthshire	Portland	Mar. 15
Gaelic	Yokohama	Mar. 16
Miwera	Sydney	Mar. 17
Doric	San Francisco	Mar. 18
Kee Lung Maru	Yokohama	Mar. 20
Lahua	Molokai & Lanai	Mar. 20
Australia	San Francisco	Mar. 21
Upolu	Kohala	Mar. 21
Kinau	Hawaii & Maui	Mar. 21
Claudine	Maui	Mar. 21
W. G. Hall	Kauai	Mar. 21

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